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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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SUPPORTING THE LOCAL FISHING INDUSTRY'S EFFORTS TO PROMOTE  
SUSTAINABILITY AND FOOD SECURITY.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii imports between eighty-five and ninety  
2 percent of its food, and in the event of a natural disaster or  
3 global event that prevents food shipment, Hawaii could face a  
4 devastating food shortage; and

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6 WHEREAS, the practice of fishing has a long history in the  
7 culture of Hawaii; and

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9 WHEREAS, today, the availability of fresh locally-caught  
10 fish is a basic expectation in each of our communities; and

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12 WHEREAS, the local fishing industry, especially the small  
13 boat fleet, is an important part of the State economy and food  
14 supply as it provides food for our residents and for visitors  
15 that expect local fish as part of their vacation experience; and

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17 WHEREAS, fish are a sustainable food source, and our  
18 State's unique relationship with the ocean allows us the  
19 opportunity to integrate the local fishing industry into our  
20 food security profile; and

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22 WHEREAS, policies on conservation and protection of marine  
23 resources should promote the concept that "fish is food," and  
24 encourage sustainability; now, therefore,

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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
27 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
28 Session of 2015, that the Legislature strongly supports efforts  
29 by the local fishing industry to promote sustainability and food  
30 security; and  
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges state departments to develop and update their rules and policies to integrate the local fishing industry into any food security or sustainability strategies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources; the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture; the Director of Business, Economic Development and Tourism; and the Executive Director of the Hawaii Fisherman's Alliance for Conservation and Tradition.

OFFERED BY:

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